Jail Population Management Subcommittee

of the

Sanford "Sandy" Krasnoff Criminal Justice Council

MEETING AGENDA

MONDAY, April 24, 2017

1:30pm - 3:00pm

l.	Welcome (1:30 – 1:40)	Commissioner Calvin Johnson
II.	Update on Probation & Parole (1:40 – 1:55)	Steve Lassalle
	a. Use of Administrative Sanctions	
	b. Detainers for arrested probationers	
III.	Outstanding items (1:55 – 2:20)	Commissioner Calvin Johnson
	a. Mechanism to docket FAOC hearings	
	b. Mechanism to docket 10-day detention hearings	
	c. Probation detention notification to P&P, Clerk, OPD	
	d. OPSO holds for probation violation	
	e. NOPD arrests on misdemeanors	
IV.	Racial Disparity Work (2:20 – 3:00)	Franklin Cruz
	a. Pre-booking deflection	

b. Pretrial Services

c. Resolution

Criminal Justice Council Jail Population Management Subcommittee

Minutes

April 24, 2017

On April 24th, the Jail Population Management Subcommittee of the Criminal Justice Council convened at 1:37 pm in the 2nd floor Homeland Security Conference Room in City Hall. The following persons were present/absent:

Jail Population Management Subcommittee Members

Present:

Criminal Justice Commissioner Calvin Johnson – Subcommittee Chair Judge Camille Buras, Criminal District Court

Director Gary Maynard, Orleans Parish Sheriff's Office

Councilmember Susan Guidry

District Administrator Steve Lassalle, Probation

& Parole

Chief Deputy City Attorney Charlene Larche-

Mason

Terrie Guerin, Clerk of Court's Office Jonathan Wisbey, Chief Administrative Office Deputy Chief Paul Noel, New Orleans Police

Department

Absent:

Judge Harry Cantrell, Criminal District Court Nia Weeks (interim community representative) Chris Bowman, District Attorney's Office Chief Defender Derwyn Bunton, Orleans Public Defenders

Office of Criminal Justice Coordination Staff

Present:

Sarah Schirmer Melody Chang Sai Ramchander

I. **Opening Remarks**

Commissioner Johnson called the meeting to order at 1:38 p.m. Commissioner Johnson welcomed everyone to the meeting. Technical assistance providers from Justice Management Institute, Franklin Cruz and Thomas Eberly, joined the meeting to lead a discussion on the Subcommittee's racial disparity work.

II. **Update on Probation and Parole**

Steve Lassalle presented on activities in the Probation and Parole office. Mr. Lassalle reported that Probation officers can give administrative sanctions in the field but that officers would still be required to return to the office to obtain supervisor approval before completing the paperwork. On detainer

notifications, Mr. Lassalle provided a consolidated form that streamlines the paperwork probation officers have to file with the court.

There was discussion among the Subcommittee members to identify a location for the Probation and Parole office as they have to vacate their current temporary space in the Criminal District Courthouse by the end of the month. Some member suggested the first floor of the former Orleans Parish Prison, Concetta, or room 19 in the basement of the Criminal District Courthouse.

Judge Buras and Mr. Lassalle reported that the presence of Probation and Parole in the court building has streamlined coordination and communication between the courtrooms and officers for defendants.

Regarding detention, Mr. Lassalle and his team will start looking at probationers with new felony theft, felony drug, and misdemeanor drugs as potential areas of opportunity for reducing the use of detention. He is developing a checklist for officers to consider who is detained, why, and whether they are appropriate for release. The office will collaborate with the Orleans Public Defenders to try and bring supervisees into compliance before a violation occurs.

Regarding notification, Probation and Parole receives an alert from AFIS that an individual under their supervision has been arrested.

III. Outstanding Items

Captain Bierria from OPSO reported that when a defendant is arrested on a capias, OPSO brings the defendant to court the next day, adds the defendant to the jail list for the appropriate section of court, emails the court section, and sends arrest notification paperwork to the Clerk of Court's office.

There was discussion among the Subcommittee members to determine how to schedule a defendant on the docket within 48 hours in addition to transporting him or her to court.

IV. Racial Disparity Work

Franklin Cruz from Justice Management Institute gave a brief presentation to summarize the activity from the previous two Subcommittee meetings regarding racial disparity. Mr. Cruz presented some data points on the racial breakdown of pre-booking deflection charges and pretrial bond setting. The Subcommittee considered which strategy to pursue for the purpose of adding a racial equity lens. The Subcommittee voted in favor of pursuing racially equitable outcomes in the pre-booking deflection strategy.

To formalize the decision, the Office of Criminal Justice Coordination will circulate a draft resolution for Subcommittee members to review. At the next Subcommittee meeting, the members will vote on whether to adopt the resolution.

Chief Paul Noel gave an update on the state misdemeanor arrests. NOPD officers are following NOPD policy which has a broader definition of domestic relations than the state misdemeanor statute. As a result, NOPD officers at the scene of a domestic incident sometimes charge an arrest as a simple battery because it is not statutorily a domestic violence battery.

The meeting concluded at 3:22 p.m.